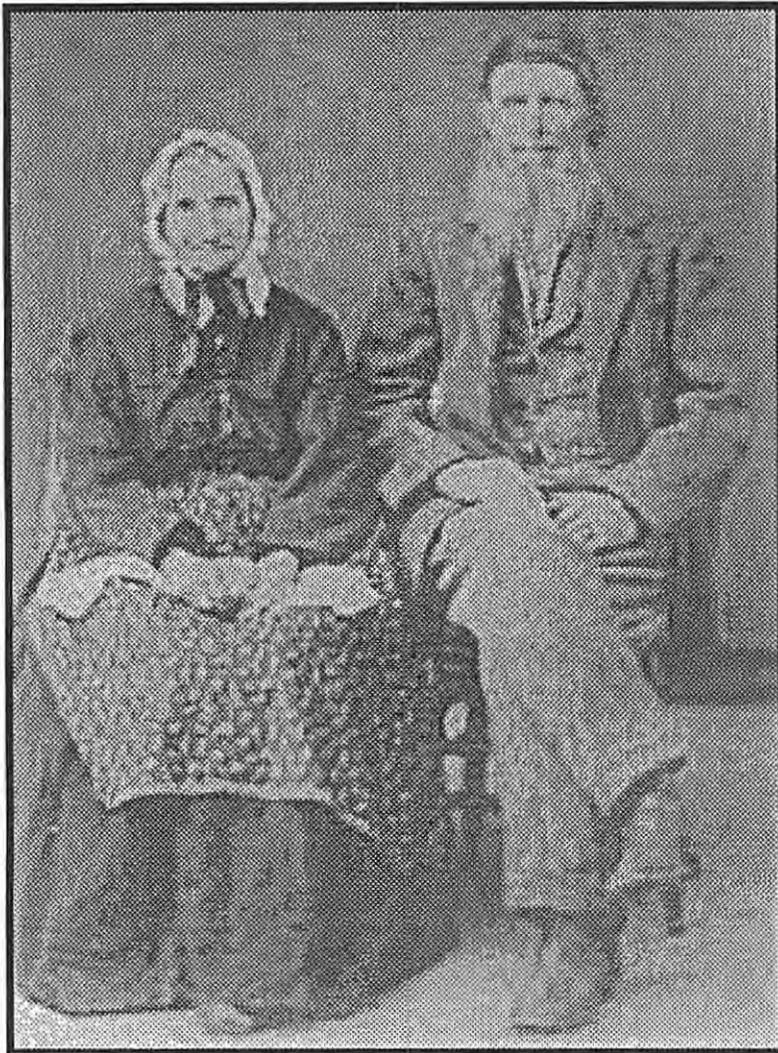


Christian Family

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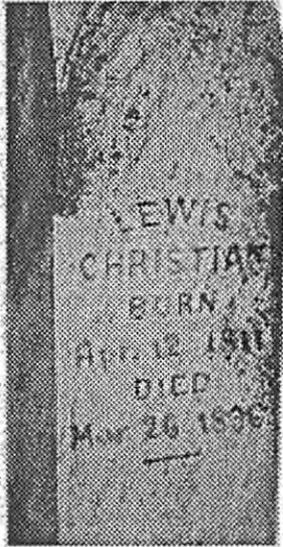


**Lewis Jefferson
Christian
and wife
Lavina Frazier
Christian**

Lewis, born April 12, 1811 in Tennessee (we think), married Lavina Frazier, March 3, 1831 in Putnam Co., IN. Lavina, b. March 19, 1812, was the daughter of Thomas N. Frazier and wife Mary "Polly" Magdelene Frazier. The family moved to Gentry Co., MO in 1850 and both Lavina and Lewis died there and are buried in the Long Branch Cemetery near Darlington, MO.

Their children:

<u>Mary Jane Christian</u> - 1833 to 1882 m. Daniel S. P. Michael 1860	<u>Thomas N. Christian</u> - 1836 to 1909 m. Rebecca Cranor 1861
<u>James H. Christian</u> - 1841 to 1863 d. aboard the Steamer Henry Clay	<u>Malinda Christian</u> - 1842 to 1915 m. Amos Spencer 1862
<u>George W. Christian</u> - c.1845 to 1893 m. Emily J. Frisbee	<u>Samuel O. Christian</u> - 1849 to 1882 m. Emily Sale
<u>Joseph Smith Christian</u> - 1851 to 1918 m. Sarah J. Wilson 1869	<u>Lenox Knight Christian</u> - 1854 to 1896 m. Sallie Ann Sloan 1876
<u>Genneta Adelaide Christian</u> - 1857 to 1884 m. Rev. George W. Shelby 1877	<u>Henrietta Adeline Christian</u> - 1857 to 1886 m. James B. Boatright

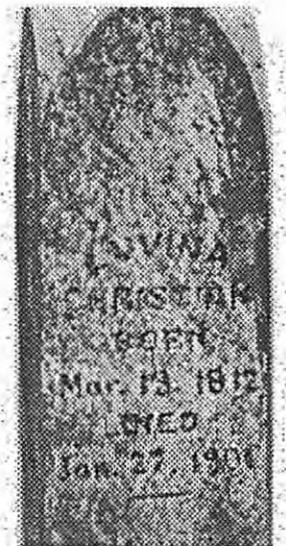


Obituary of Lewis Christian. Died March 26, 1896; taken from the April 2, 1896 issue of the Darlington Record. It also appeared in the Albany Ledger.

Louis Jefferson Christian, one of the early settlers of Gentry County, died at his home 1/2 miles west of Darlington, on Thursday, March 26, 1896. Had he lived until the 1 of this month he would have been 85 years of age. He came to this county about 45 years ago. His wife, who has traveled life's pathways with him for nearly 66 years, is 84 years old, and still very active and strong for one of that age. Deceased was a kind parent, and an accommodating neighbor and friend. He was the father of 12 children four of whom survive him. the remains were consigned to their final resting place in Long Branch Cemetery, Friday, in the presence of a number of sorrowing friends and neighbors.

Obituary of Levina Christian, died January 27, 1901; taken from the January 31, 1901 issue of the Darlington Record.

Mrs. Levina Christian died of old age at the home of her son, J.S. Christian, last Sunday night, Jan. 27, aged 88 years, 9 months and 27 days. She was born in the state of Tennessee, her parents moving to Indiana in 1828. She was married to Lewis J. Christian in 1830. Thirteen children were born to this union, only three of whom survive. These are: T.N. Christian of Griswold, Iowa; Mrs. Malinda Spencer of Blair, Nebraska, and Joseph S. Christian of this place. Mrs. Christian moved with her husband to Missouri in 1848, and had lived in this county ever since that time. Her husband died in March 1896. She joined the Baptist church when only 16 years of age, and had lived a devoted Christian life. Owing to failing health, she had been unable to attend church services for many years, but she continued to hold her membership with the Long Branch congregation to the last, and died as she had lived - firm in the faith of happiness beyond the grave. In this community, where she lived for over half a century, Grandma Christian was loved by a host of friends, and these friends will join the family in mourning the loss of this good old Christian mother. A short funeral service was conducted at the grave by Rev. Shelby on Tuesday at 1 o'clock p.m., after which the remains were laid to rest in the Long Branch Cemetery.



From the Darlington Newspaper 1899:

Last Saturday being Grandma Christian's 86th birthday, the relatives and friends arranged to make her a dinner on Sunday. Sunday morning dawned rather gloomily, but when the dinner hour arrived a large crowd had gathered, and though the sun was still hiding its face, everybody present seemed to have brought enough smiles and gladness to make up for the clouds. Two tables spread with good things to eat which would have satisfied a king and after all---about 75 in number---eaten to their satisfaction, there was still a large supply left. And to see the way that John Cobbs and Bliss Shelby did get away with the grub would be enough to make any girl glad she didn't have to cook for them always. Everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion and all went home wishing Grandma many more pleasant birthdays.

Mary Jane Christian
 Born: 1833 in Putnam Co., IN
 Married: Daniel Shoemake Phillip Micheal
 Children:
 Levina R. Michael
 Mirza Michael
 Tirza Michael
 Marietta E. Michael
 Louis Ernest Michael
 Jessie T. Michael
 Letitia Michael (see below for children)

James H. Christian
 Born: 1840
 Died: 2/4/1863 In the
 Civil War on board the
 steamer Henry Clay headed
 for Helena Arkansas where
 he must be buried but have
 yet to locate his grave.

Lennox Knight Christian
 Born: March 5, 1854 in Darlington,
 Gentry Co., MO
 Married :Sallie Ann Sloan 2/20/1876
 Died: 10/16/1896
 Children:
 Effie Frances Christian
 Myrtle Estella Christain
 Elza Orval Christian
 Josie Rosetta Christian
 John Jefferson Christian
 Thomas Newton Christian
 Charles Irvin Christian
 Albert Lester Christian
 Naomi Adeline Christian
 Ernest Samuel Christian

Samuel O. Christian
 Born: 1847 in Putnam Co., IN
 Married: Emily Sale
 Children:
 Rosetta
 Selby
 Charles
 William
 Emma
 Recha
 Frank

Janettie Adaline Christian
 Born: 1857
 Twin to Hattie
 Married: Rev. George Woodside Shelby
 Children:
 Lewis (Bliss) Shelby
 Ada Catherine Shelby
 Blanche Shelby
 Earl Shelby

Hettie Adaline Christian
 Born: 1857
 Twin to Jenettie
 Married: James Blackburn Boatright
 Children:
 William Louis Boatright
 Sophrone Viola Boatright
 Jesse Janetta Boatright
 Harvey Ezra Boatright

Letitia Michael
 Married:Vilhelm Carl Immanuel Ahlstrand
 Children:
 Mirzalee Ahlstrand
 Carl Ahlstrand
 Letitia Ahlstrand

Letitia Ahlstrand
 Married: Harry Kearney
 Children:
 Karen Kathleen Kearney
 William Earl Kearney
 Joan Marie Kearney



**Mary Jane Christian
Michael**

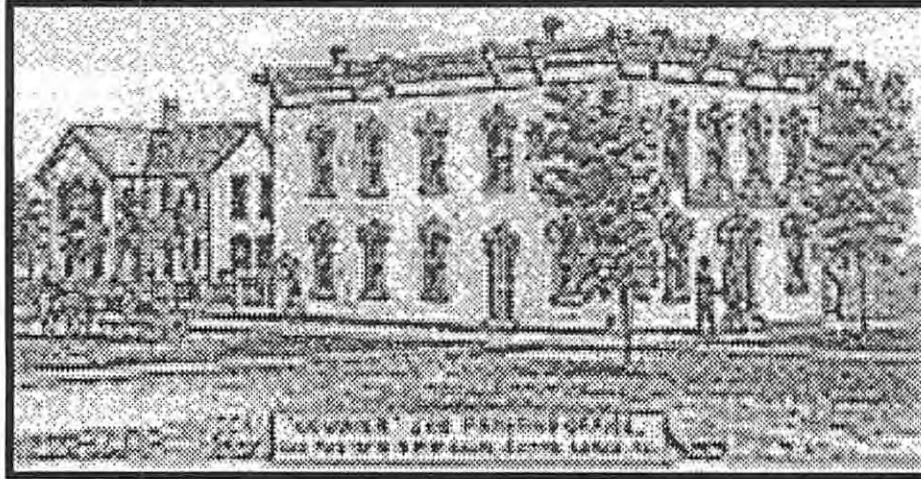
and husband

**Daniel S. P.
Michael**



DSP Michael and wife Mary Jane Christian, daughter of Lewis and Lavina Christian

Daniel Shoemake Phillip Michael, born October 31, 1834 in Dearborn Co., Indiana, the eldest of eight children b to Jared Michael and Ruth (Shoemake) Michael. . In 1851 the family moved to Wayne Co., Illinois. Around 187 Daniel came by covered wagon to Harrison Co., Iowa and bought a farm about one mile southwest of Logan. He was at one time a cabinet maker and in 1884 was editor and owner of the Courier Printing Company in Logan. T family lived in the brick building directly behind the courier building. He also served as Justice of the Peace, and one time ran for State Representative. In 1860 he married Mary Jane Christian, and they had seven children: Levi Mirza, Tirza, Marietta, Jessie, Louis and Letitia. Levina died in infancy, Tirza and Marietta died very young. Mirza married George Haubert, a buggy salesman, and they lived in Logan until about 1915, when they moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mirza died in November 1918 and is buried in Milwaukee. Jesse married W.W. Latta in 1890 and passed away in childbirth in 1891. Louis became a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist church and served in several communities in Michigan and finally moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where he served until passing away from tuberculosis in 1892. He is buried in Cheyenne. After caring for the rest of the family, Letitia married Vilhelm Carl Ahlstrand, originally from Copenhagen, Denmark. They were the parents of three children Mirzalee, Carl and Letitia. D.S.P. as he was known most of his life, lived the rest of his life in and around Logan. Several of his brothers also lived in the vicinity. Jared lived near Woodbine and Will lived, for a time at least, on farm east of Logan. D.S.P. lived on the little farm southwest of Logan and passed away in August of 1904.



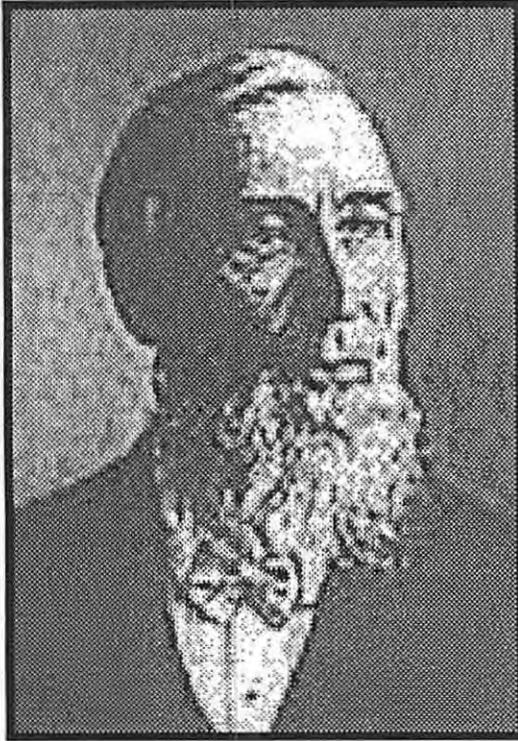
Artist's rendering of the Courier Printing Co., in Logan Iowa



Four generations
Back Left: James William Michael, brother to DSP
Back right: Jared Wesley Michael, father of James and DSI
Seated: Marguerite Laverne (Michael) Barnes, daughter of Jar
Baby; Betty Arlene Barnes
1926

Picture provided by: acer@ne.uswest.net

For more information on the Michael family
please visit this [web site](#)



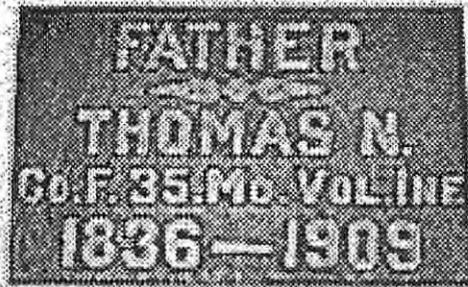
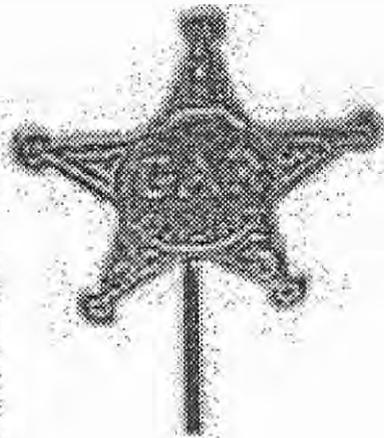
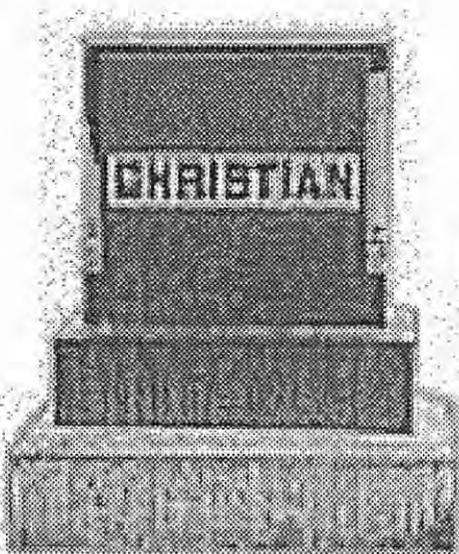
Thomas Newton Christian

Excerpts from History of Pottawattmie County Vol. II:

Thomas N. Christian was one of the pioneer settlers of Waveland Township, Pottawattmie County, IA. He was born in Putnam County, IN, February 2, 1836, a son of Lewis and Lavina Frazier Christian. Thomas was reared in the old homestead (Putnam County) and acquired a public school education. He was thirteen years of age when the family moved to Gentry County, MO, and in that same fall he joined a hunting party that traveled through southern IA. In 1854 at age eighteen, Thomas drove a team to Kaneville, now Council Bluffs, IA, to bring his maternal grandmother and her family to Pottawattmie County. He was married to Rebecca Craner (daughter of Joshua and Deborah Craner) in Gentry County, MO on May 23, 1861. The following year he enlisted for service in the Civil War, joining Company F of the Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry. He was honorably discharged in 1863, returned to home in Gentry County and remained there until 1866. He then moved to IA and lived for a year at Lewis, Cass County. In June, 1867, he went to Pottawattmie County and while looking for a desirable location he operated a rented farm for two years. In 1869, he bought land in Waveland Township. It was raw prairie, which he broke when the sod was turned and the fields harrowed he planted his crops, in due time gathering rich harvests. In 1870 he built a good residence upon this farm and moved to the new home. Earlier settlers who were located near the timber along the river told him he was too far from civilization and that his children would grow up wild Indians, there would never be any schools in his locality, etc. But Thomas had better foresight. There was little settlement until 1876, when the first school was held in the summer of that year, with the Christians allowing a room of the house to be used as a schoolroom. After that time settlement was rapid and Thomas owned a valuable and productive farming property. He held many township offices including township trustee and member of the school board. He belonged to the Christian Church. He and his wife Rebecca had 13 children. Thomas died February 1909 and Rebecca died November 30, 1921. They are both buried in the Flint Cemetery just outside Griswold,

Their children:

Weltha	Ella	Newton B.	Abner B.
Lewis J.	Manlove B.	Melcena C.	Ida
Isabelle	Ethel	Alva S.	



Malinda Christian Spencer



Born January 17, 1842 in Putnam Co., IN. Married Amos William Spencer February 29, 1862 in Albany, Gentry Co., MO. Amos and Malinda lived for a time in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Samuel L. Spiker was their neighbor in Iowa. They moved to Blair, NE in 1864 where Malinda was an Indian school teacher. Amos and Malinda separated around 1897 and Amos went off to Oklahoma where many of Malinda's relatives were living. There is among Amos' Civil War papers, a deposition by Selby Christian on Amos' behalf. Selby was a nephew of Malinda and Amos. Malinda died in Blair, NE August 2, 1915 and is buried in the Blair Cemetery.

For further info contact: [Pearlsoup](#)

Their children:

Theodore Carthwell Spencer - b. 1863 - IA	Ozias Orlando Spencer - b. 1868 - NE
Ai Kendrick Spencer - b. 1871 - NE	Mary Elsie Spencer - 1873 to 1963 m. John Weaver 1903
John Wesley Spencer - b. 1876 - NE m. Dolly Cranford	Hattie Melinda Spencer - b. 1878 - NE m. ???? Beaty
Lillie Adeline Spencer - b. 1880 - NE	Lewis Napoleon Spencer - b. 1882 - NE
Elizabeth Martha Spencer - b. 1884- NE	



Obit from the BLAIR DEMOCRAT for 5 Aug 1915, p5, c.

Mrs. Malinda Spencer passed away early Monday morning of old age and a complication of disease. She was born in Indiana about 74 year ago and after a residence in Missouri and Iowa of several years located with her husband in the Spiker neighborhood in 1869. She lived there until 1901 when she moved to Blair and has lived on East Colfax street ever since. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the Baptist church. Rev. Foreman officiating. Interment was made in Blair Cemetery. She is survived by 9 children, a son and a daughter being the only ones living here.

Death notice of Miss Lillie Spencer from The Pilot-Tribune



Rites for Miss Lillie Spencer today at the First Baptist Church. Lifetime resident of Blair, died at the Omaha Baptist Home For the Aged. Born at Blair March 21, 1880. Member of a large family all of whom are gone, no local relatives. Burial in the Blair Cemetery.



George William Christian

Emily Jane Frizbee, wife of George W. Christian and Mrs.
Jones

George W. Christian was born in Putnam Co., IN in 1844. He was the 5th child of Lewis and Lavina (Frazier Christian. He married Emily Jane Frisbee before 1866. George was a farmer in the McCurry area of Gentry Co. until his death 17 Aug 1893. He was buried in the Long Branch Cemetary, Darlington, Missouri. His Obituary s he died of Tuberculosis.

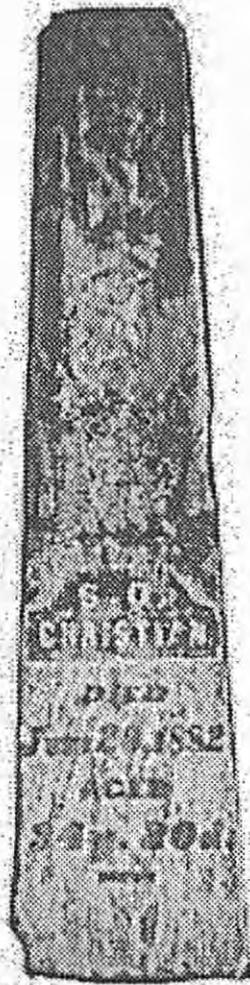
George and Emily had 12 Children. After George died, Emily married twice more. The first time, to George Bu the second time to Henderson Workman. Emily died in the early 1930's, outliving 3 husbands, and at least 10 of children.

Their children:

Lavina Catherine Christian	Minerva Ellen Christian	James Christian
Mary M. Christian	Theodore Christian	Lewis Jefferson Christian
George H. Christian	Hettie Elizabeth Christian	Arenia L. Christian
Richard Daniel Christian	Infant born 18 March 1892	Clara Christian

George Christian's obituary as appeared in the August 24, 1893 edition of the DARLINGTON RECORD:

Died of consumption, at his home in McCurry, MO, Aug,17,1893, George W. Christian. The deceased was well known through this part of Gentry County, having lived here since childhood. He was, at death, 49 years old. He had been suffering from this malady, which resulted in his death, for some time, but bore his affliction with patience, having expressed to the satisfaction of his friends and relatives, that he was but waiting for the Lord to take him, believing with Paul, that it is better to depart and be with Christ. He died with a hope in Him. He leaves a wife and 10 children to mourn his departure. The sorrowing ones have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were held at the residence Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Elder Seat, after which the remains were taken to the Long Branch cemetery, followed by a large crowd of sympathizing friends and consigned to the tomb to await the call of the trumpet on resurrection morn.



Samuel O. Christian

Samuel O. Christian, Born: 1847 in Putnam Co., IN
Married: Emily Sale

Their Children:

Rosetta Christian	Selby Christian
Charles Christian	William Christian
Emma Christian	Recha Christian
Frank Christian	

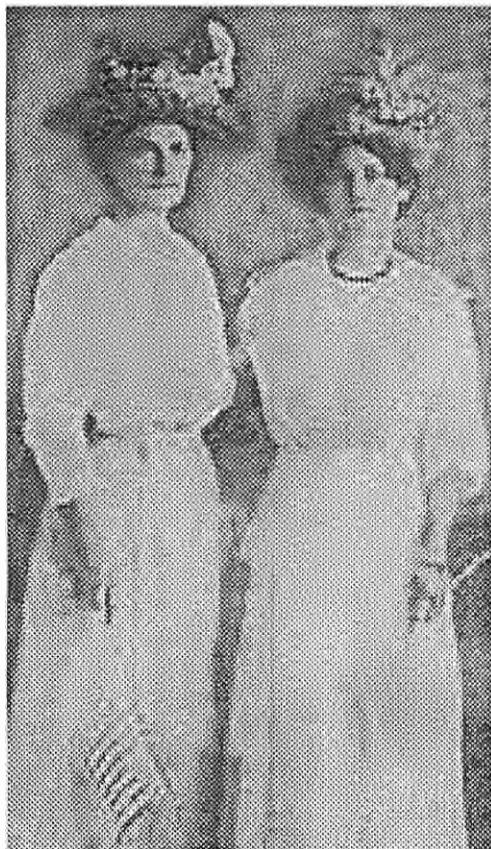




Lum Wallace and Emily Sales



James R. Sales and wife Pricilla Udell
parents of Emily Sales



Myrtle Wallace and Recha Christian



Rosetta Christian and husband James Sloan



Recha Christian



Rosetta Christian Sales and Emily Sales Christian
Wallace

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**Joseph
Smith
Christian
and wife
Sarah J.
Wilson
Christian
and family**

Joseph Smith Christian was born January 22, 1851 in Gentry County, MO; a son of Lewis and Lavina (Frazier) Christian. He married Sarah Josephine Wilson on February 7, 1869. Sarah was born March 12, 1851. Eleven children were born to them. Sarah Josephine Wilson died March 8, 1892, four days before her 41st birthday. She is buried in Long Branch Cemetery near Darlington, Gentry County, MO.

Joseph Smith Christian was a farmer all his life in Gentry County, MO. The family had moved to White Cloud Doniphan County, KS by 1907. Joseph was of the Baptist faith. He died June 15, 1918 at the age of 67 years, months and 24 days. Cause of death was listed as chronic nephritis. He is buried in the White Cloud Cemetery White Cloud, Doniphan County, KS.

For further info contact: [Lincrafter](#)

Their children:

Lewis Jefferson Christian	Rhoda S. Christian	Lennox Knight Christian
Lavina Jane Christian	Truman M. Christian	Trudy F. Christian
Lucy A. Christian	Greenburg Christian	Bessie Viola Christian



On March 24, 1894, Joseph married Rosetta Hubbard. Rosetta was born May 14, 1859. One child was born to them. Rosetta died August 14, 1895 at age 36. She is buried in Long Branch Cemetery near Darlington, Gentry County, MO.

Their child:

Lena C. (Christian) Smith

On July 15, 1896, Joseph married Sarah L. Agee. Sarah was born Sept. 1859. One child was born to them. (The information on Sarah's death and burial place is not yet available.)

Their child:

Agnes Alverna Christian

Obituary of Joseph Smith Christian

Joseph Smith Christian was born in Gentry county, Missouri, January 22, 1851, departed this life June 15, 1918, having reached the age of 67 years, 4 months, 24 days.

He united with the Baptist church at an early age and still held firm to his belief and as he said many times, "It's God's will, I am ready to go when my time comes." It's such comfort to the bereaved family that he was prepared to meet his Savior and to know he can never come back to us but there is one assurance, we can go to him.

On February 7, 1869, he was united in marriage to Sarah Wilson. There were born to them eleven children, three of whom survive, Mrs. Lavina Troxell, Green B. and Mrs. Viola Thomas of this city. His first wife dying March 8, 1892, he was united in marriage to Rosetta Hubbard, March 24, 1894. to them were born one child, Mrs. Lena Smith of Stanberry, MO. After the death of his second wife he was again married to Sarah Agee. To them were born one child, Agnes Alverna who preceded her father to the better land 15 years ago. Also the eldest son, Lenox K. we passed into the hands of eternity last February. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, 4 children, 36 grand children, 4 great grand children and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at the home at 9:30 Sunday morning by Rev. King.

A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled.

Mrs. A.L. Smith came Saturday noon from Stanberry to be at the bedside of her father, J.S. Christian, also two brothers of Mrs. Christian, W.E. Agee, J.N. Agee were present.

Obituary of Sarah J. Wilson Christian, Darlington Record, Thursday, March 10, 1892

Died at her home in McCurry on Tuesday morning, March 8th, 1892, after a lingering illness of many months, Sarah J., wife of Joseph Christian, aged about 41 years. Deceased was a member of the Baptist Church, was a consistent Christian, and highly respected by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss. Remains were laid to rest in the Long Branch Cemetery, Wednesday, Rev. J. E. Seat conducting the funeral services. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Obituary of Rosetta Hubbard Christian....Joseph's second wife Darlington Record, Thursday, August 22, 1895

Rosa Hubbard Christian, wife of J. S. Christian, died at her home near Darlington, August 14, 1895. She was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, May 14, 1859, was adopted by T. J. Hubbard and wife at 9 months of age, and came with her parents to Taylorville, IL, in 1865, where she became a member of the Christian church at 16 years of age. From Illinois in 1879, she with her parents came to Bethany, MO, thence to Kansas in 1884, and back to Bethany in 1891. In the fall of '91 they moved to Stanberry where she lived until her marriage with Joseph Christian, March 21, 1894. Her death occurred at the above mentioned place and date after a protracted illness, from a complication of troubles. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was not sufficient to thwart the dread reaper, death. Burial took place Thursday at Long Branch Cemetery. She was a devoted daughter and wife, and a faithful Christian, dying in a triumph and faith with full hope of eternal rest with God. Her voice once so strong and clear in our own choir, will be heard in loftier strains of praise in heaven. Our fullest sympathy is with the relatives and host of friends who mourn her death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." ---Geo. E. McGee, her pastor.



**Lennox Knight
Christian**

and wife

**Sallie Ann Sloan
Christian**

Lennox Knight Christian Born: March 5, 1854 in Darlington, Gentry Co., MO
 Married :Sallie Ann Sloan, daughter of Elizabeth Jane "Lizzie" (Boatright) and husband
 John Sloan, 2/20/1876 Died: 10/16/1896

Their children:

Effie Frances Christian	Myrtle Estella Christain
Elza Orval Christian	Josie Rosetta Christian
John Jefferson Christian	Thomas Newton Christian
Charles Irvin Christian	Albert Lester Christian
Naomi Adeline Christian	Ernest Samuel Christian



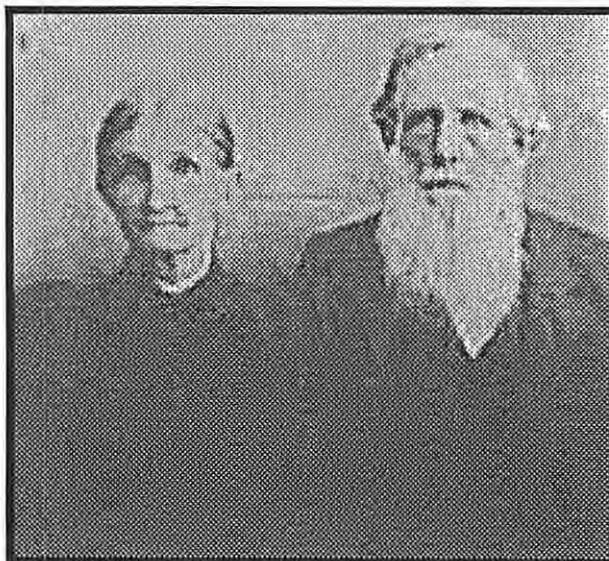
Back: John, Albert "Bert"
 Front: Tom, Ernest, Elza



Back: Effie
 Middle: Myrtle and Josie
 Front: Naomi

Obituary of Lenox Knight Christian as Appeared in the October 22, 1896 edition of the DARLINGTON RECORD:

Died at his home west of town, at midnight on Thursday, Oct. 15, 1896, Lenox K. Christian, aged about 42 years and 6 months. Deceased had been a sufferer for many months from that dreadful malady, consumption, and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Christian was born and raised within 3 and a half miles of Darlington. For many years he has been a faithful worker in the Baptist Church, and he lived a consistant Christian life. He was a kind Husband and an indulgent parent, an accomidating neighbor and a good citizen. and will be greatly missed in the community. Burial services were conducted by Rev. M. Agee, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, after which the remains were consigned to their last resting place in Long Branch cemetery. The wife, nine children, Two Brothers, a sister and an aged mother are left to mourn their loved one. Many friends extend sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family in this hour of deepest sorrow.



Elizabeth Jane "Lizzie" (Boatright) and husband John Sloan
Parents of Sallie Ann Sloan, wife of Lennox K. Christian

Rev. George Woodside Shelby



Reverend George Woodside Shelby, born January 7, 1853 in Adams Co., Ohio. He was the only son of Nicholas Ligeat Shelby and wife Catherine Anne (McMillen) Shelby. George married Genetta Adalaide Christi: January 4, 1877 in Gentry Co., Missouri. Genetta was born December 19, 1857 and a twin to Hettie. Her nickname was Nettie and she died August, 1884 and is buried in the Long Branch Cemetery. George died September 28, 1925 in Albany, MO after devoting his life to raising his children.

Their children:

Lewis (Bliss) Shelby	Ada Catherine Shelby
Blanche Shelby	Earl Shelby



Lewis "Bliss" Shelby
b. 7/4/1878, Darlington, MO
m. Vera Manly from Kansas
d. 9/10/1962, Denver, CO



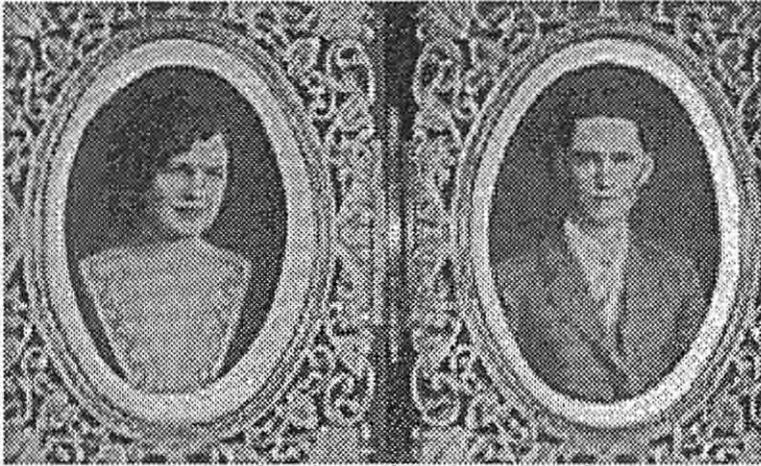
Ada Catherine Shelby
b. 5/22/1880
never married
d. date unknown



Earl Ligear Shelby and wife Ella E. (Hager) Shelby on their 50th wedding anniversary.
Earl was born August 10, 1883 in Darlington, Missouri. He married Ella Hager,
April 27, 1904 in Gentry Co., Missouri. They were farmers at Darlington, MO
Earl died January 3, 1960 at Darlington, MO.

Their children:

Maybell R Dell Shelby	Donald Lewis Bliss Shelby
Catherine Eileen Shelby	

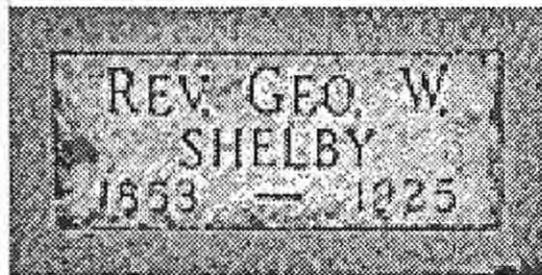


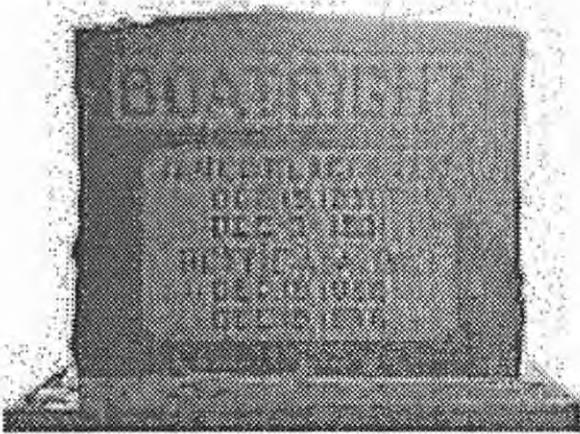
**Maybelle R Dell Shelby
Dodge**

and husband

Eugene Neville Dodge

Maybelle, daughter of Earl and Ella Shelby, born November 8, 1904, in Darlington, Missouri.
Married Eugene Dodge, son of Albert Dodge and Hattie Elizabeth (Neville) Dodge





Henrietta Adaline Chris Boatright and husband James B. Boatright

Henrietta Adaline Christian Born: 1857 , twin to Genneta. We think Hettie's proper name was Hen and her sister was Genneta, so that when they nicknamed Hettie, her sister was called Nettie.
Married: James Blackburn Boatright

Their children:

William Louis Boatright	Sophrone Viola Boatright
Jesse Janetta Boatright	Harvey Ezra Boatright



Elizabeth (Blackburn) Boatright
James Blackburn Boatright's grandmother.

There is a Boatright GEDCOM available for this family, although it doesn't contain any Christian information.

An interesting story about Elizabeth (Blackburn) Boatright and a law suit is contained in this GEDCOM.
For a copy of this GEDCOM or to add any information contact: Pearlsoup



Frazier

Picture Pages

Thomas N. Frazier family pages
Frazier family tree page

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Jay Purvis Musician

**The following is from Frazier Family History by Irvin Frazier,
published by the author in 1974:**

"The name Frazier appears to have originated in the South of France, in the year 916 A.D. Apparently it was applied to one of our earliest ancestors, whose name formerly had been Berry, by King Charles of France, as a take-off on the French word for strawberry. This ancestor served the King some strawberries out of season, and in turn was given his new name by the King, that of FRAISE, the French word for strawberry. He chose to retain this name from that time forward, and many years later the representation of three stalks of strawberries were used in the Frazier arms and became a part of the Frazier crest.

This story is recounted in some detail in the earliest book I have found on the Fraziers: "CHRONICLES OF THE FRASERS, THE WARDLAW MANUSCRIPT."

This original manuscript was prepared in 1666 by Master James Fraser, Minister of the Parish of Wardlaw (now Kirkhill), Inverness, Scotland. It traces the genealogy of the Frasers from 916 thru 1674. In 1905 the manuscript was made available to the public by being published in Edinburgh as Vol.XLVII of Publications of the Scottish History Society, printed at the University Press."

I.F. citing the same book, declares that "many of the Frasers of France came from Normandy across the English Channel to England and Scotland with William the Conqueror in 1066 A.D."

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